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Item # 7

**John Murray**

**From:** Sweet.William@epamail.epa.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2008 1:32 PM  
**To:** Mary Michelman; 'Knowles, Robert (ATSDR/DRO)'; Robert B Knowles  
**Cc:** Gary D PerlmanCDC; gperlman; wsweet; Golden.Derrick@epamail.epa.gov; 'McWeeney, Jennifer (DEP)'; Board of Selectmen; Lauren Rosenzweig; Andrew Magee; Chris Allen; 'Jane Ceraso'; Stephen Anderson; Pam Resor  
**Subject:** Re: Request for extension of ATSDR public comment period

Mary,  
 The request for the 30 day extension has been granted.  
 Bill Sweet

FYI

**From:** "Mary Michelman" [msmichelman@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** 09/22/2008 12:21 PM AST  
**To:** "'Knowles, Robert (ATSDR/DRO)'" <rdk6@cdc.gov>; <rknowles@cdc.gov>  
**Cc:** William Sweet; <Gap6@cdc.gov>; <gperlman@cdc.gov>; William Sweet; <wsweet@cdc.gov>; Derrick Golden; "McWeeney, Jennifer (DEP)" <Jennifer.Mcweeney@state.ma.us>; <bos@acton-ma.gov>; "Lauren Rosenzweig" <lsr57@comcast.net>; "Andrew Magee" <amagee@epsilonassociates.com>; <Chris@ActonWater.com>; "Jane Ceraso" <Jane@actonwater.com>; "Stephen Anderson" <sanderson@andersonkreiger.com>; <Pamela.Resor@state.ma.us>; <msmichelman@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for extension of ATSDR public comment period

Hi Robert,

Thank you for speaking with me last Wednesday and for looking into the status of our request for an extension of the public comment period for the ATSDR Public Health Assessment for the WR Grace Superfund Site in Acton, MA. I am anxious to hear back from ATSDR given that the end of the current public comment period—Sept. 30, 2008—is fast approaching. I have left phone messages today for you, and Loretta Asbury at ATSDR, and have spoken to Gary Perlman at ATSDR in Region 1. (Bill Sweet is away on vacation.)

Also, please note that ATSDR has provided two slightly different addresses to the public to submit comments on the report. Please confirm that all mailings sent to either of these addresses will reach the correct parties at ATSDR and will be considered as public comments.

As you know, the Town of Acton mailed a joint letter from the Town, the Acton Water District, and ACES to ATSDR on September 10, 2008 requesting a thirty day extension of the public comment period. Massachusetts State Senator Pam Resor made a similar request in a letter dated September 12, 2008. You, Bill Sweet at ATSDR, Derrick Golden at EPA, and Jennifer McWeeney at DEP were electronically cc'd on both letters. We do not have an email address or phone number for the ATSDR Records Department in Atlanta Georgia. Both of these letters were sent to the address provided in the ATSDR summary flyer handed out at the August 26, 2008 meeting:  
 See: <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-22069/ATSDR-PHA-Summary.pdf>

Chief, Records Activity and Management Branch  
 ATSDR  
 Attn: W.R. Grace & Company, Inc.  
 1600 Clifton Rd., NE (MS F-09)  
 Atlanta, GA 30333

I have just noticed that the Public Health Assessment document provides a slightly different address for public comments.

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The street address is the same, but the "Attn:" line is different. See the bottom of the second page of the PHA at: [http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-22070/W%20R%20Grace\(PC\)PHA082608.pdf](http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-22070/W%20R%20Grace(PC)PHA082608.pdf)  
The address provided there is:

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  
Attn: Records Center  
1600 Clifton Road, N.E., MS F-09  
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Also the front page of the PHA report states that the comment period ends September 26, 2008, while both the summary sheet and an article in the September 4, 2008 issue of the local newspaper, "*The Beacon*", stated that the public comment period ends September 30, 2008.

I respectfully request that ATSDR, please:

- Grant the requested extension of at least 30 days for the public comment period;
- Provide an email address for the receipt of public comment;
- Confirm that all comments sent to either of the mailing addresses already provided by ATSDR will be received and considered;
- Provide a new press release to "*The Beacon*" and elsewhere confirming this and stating the preferred address for comments, if appropriate;
- Make allowances for any delays caused by confusion related to delivery of the comments to the correct office at ATSDR

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary

Mary Michelman, ACES  
978-263-7370

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**From:** Knowles, Robert (ATSDR/DRO) [mailto:rdk6@cdc.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008 4:40 PM  
**To:** Mary Michelman  
**Subject:** RE: Request for extension of ATSDR public comment period

Mrs. Michelman:

Per our discussion, I left a message with our Records Center in Atlanta regarding the Public Comment period extension for the W.R. Grace PHA. I will let you know as soon as I receive a response.

Thanks.  
-Robert

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**From:** Mary Michelman [mailto:msmichelman@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 10, 2008 8:39 PM  
**To:** Knowles, Robert (ATSDR/DRO); Knowles, Robert (ATSDR/DRO); Sweet.William@epamail.epa.gov; Golden.Derrick@epamail.epa.gov; 'McWeeney, Jennifer (DEP)'  
**Cc:** 'Christine Joyce'; 'Lauren Rosenzweig'; Chris@ActonWater.com  
**Subject:** Request for extension of ATSDR public comment period

Hi Robert, Bill, Derrick and Jennifer,

Please find attached a joint letter from the Town of Acton, Acton Water District and ACES requesting an extension of the

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public comment period for the ATSDR report for the WR Grace Site in Acton. The Town mailed a signed copy of the letter to the ATSDR Records Center address that was in the ATSDR summary flyer given out at the Aug. 26, 2008 public meeting.

Thanks.

Mary

Mary Michelman, ACES